

SITUATION REPORT NO. 24
INCIDENT NO. 96-37
DATE: August 16, 1996 TIME: 2 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring flood. (Separate situation reports are being issued for Devils Lake, Incident #96-01.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The FEMA/State/Local Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) identified nearly \$58,810 in damages to public infrastructure in Rolette County and \$243,300 in damages to public infrastructure in Towner County.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Rolette County Commissioners issued a disaster declaration on August 8.

The Rolette City Council issued a disaster declaration on August 8, 1996.

A PDA was conducted in Towner and Rolette Counties August 13-14. Results of that assessment are under evaluation.

Utilizing Civil Air Patrol resources, the North Dakota Emergency Management Director accomplished an aerial survey of flooded areas in Towner and Rolette Counties on August 14.

The N.D. Department of Transportation has requested an Emergency Relief declaration by the Federal Highway Administration to repair damages to local government Federal Aid System roads.

North Dakota Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials closed the Disaster Field Office (DFO) on August 9. Questions on projects are being directed to North Dakota Emergency Management.

Upon DFO closure, a total of 1,675 Disaster Survey Reports (DSRs) representing 177 local government applicants had been shipped to the Regional Processing Center in Denver, Colorado. One inspection team has been retained to gather information on existing DSRs and do re-inspections as required.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) officials released a Devils Lake Emergency Outlet Plan to state and local officials on August 12 in Devils Lake. The plan involves pumping lake water into pools to raise the water above the continental divide so that it can flow into the Sheyenne River in an open channel. The outlet capacity used in the plan is 200 cubic feet per second (cfs). The plan describes major features, impacts, effectiveness, and cost of such a project. Such an outlet requires that other project relief efforts continue, to include: upper basin storage; increasing the protection for the city of Devils Lake; road raises; relocation of public and private facilities; and public safety efforts regarding increased and changing hazards.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: No change from previous reports.

Signed _____
Douglas C. Friez, State Director